

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 were pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. No claims have been amended, canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-24 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested for at least the reasons that follow.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 21, 2004.

**35 U.S.C. 102(b) Rejections**

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,632,244 ("Endres"). The rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

The rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn at least because Endres fails to teach or suggest "a fuel injector directed to inject fuel toward a valve opening of the intake valve through a space on the downstream side of the downstream end of the partition," as required by claim 1. The Office Action states that Figure 7 of Endres represents such a fuel injector. However, Figure 7 of Endres actually shows that fuel injected from the fuel injector (shown by the arrow at 10) is directed toward the dividing wall (5). The fuel (arrow at 10) is not directed "through a space on the downstream side of the downstream end of the partition." The fuel would actually strike the dividing wall (5), not pass through a space at the downstream side of the downstream end of the dividing wall (5). Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-23 depend from claim 1 and are allowable therewith, for at least the reasons set forth above, without regard to the further patentable subject matter set forth in these dependent claims.

Independent claim 24 contains recitations similar to claim 1. For example, claim 11 comprises, among other things, a "fifth means for injecting fuel in an oblique direction extending from the first passage section to the second passage section through a space

between the partition and the downstream end of the intake port.” Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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